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DAILY BIBLE READINGS.*

JANUARY-JUNE, 1889.

The following daily Bible Readings set forth e life of Jesus in words of Scripture in chron-ogical order. In the main it follows the order Robinson's Harmony. But in any current rangement the main features of the life are t slightly varied. When two or more Gos-ls narrate the same event, the selection is m that which is the most complete. In a w instances a parallel account which adds tures of special importance has also been signed for reading. By a reference Bible e reader can glance at a passage not assigned reading, and catch any slighter incident ich it may contain. This ought usually to done. The selections interspersed from Old Testament explain or illustrate in ne way the foregoing passage from the spels — perhaps a prophecy which it fulfils, imilar historical incident, a parable of like nificance, or a passage from which a strik-imagery may have been taken. They will w how thoroughly the New Testament is ted in the Old, how truly Christ was the n of Abraham, as well as the Son of Man, l the Son of God.

Communications relating to this series of Bible Readings be addressed to THE CONGREGATIONALIST.

JANUARY.

1. Psalm 53; Romans 1.
2. Luke 1: 1-25.
3. Luke 1: 26-56.
4. Luke 1: 57-80.
5. Matthew 1; Luke 2: 1-20.
6. Luke 2: 21-39.
7. Matthew 2.
8. Luke 2: 40-52.
9. Luke 3: 1-23, 38.

CHRIST'S MINISTRY, MAINLY IN GALILEE.

10. Isaiah 40: 1-17.
11. Matthew 3: 13-17, 4: 1-11.
12. John 1: 1-18.
13. Genesis 1.
14. John 1: 19-34.
15. John 1: 35-52.
16. John 2: 1-12.
17. John 2: 13-25.
18. Malachi 3.
19. John 3: 1-21.
20. Ezekiel 37: 1-14; Numbers 21: 1-9.
21. John 3: 22-36.
22. John 4: 1-26.
23. Isaiah 55.
24. John 4: 27-54.
25. Luke 4: 14-32.
26. Isaiah 61.
27. 1 Kings 17.
28. 2 Kings 5.
29. John 5: 1-30.
30. John 5: 31-47.
31. Matthew 4: 12-17; Luke 5: 1-11.

FEBRUARY.

. Luke 4: 31-41.
. Mark 1: 35-45, 2: 1-14.
. Psalm 103.
. Matthew 12: 1-14.
. 1 Samuel 21: 1-15.
. Hosea 6: 1-11.
. Mark 3: 7-12; Matthew 12: 15-21.
. Isaiah 42: 1-16.
. Luke 6: 12-19; Matthew 5: 1-16.
. Matthew 5: 17-48.
. Matthew 6: 1-18.
. Matthew 6: 19-34.
. Matthew 7: 1-29.
. Luke 7: 1-17.
. Luke 7: 18-35.
. Isaiah 35: 1-10.
. Matthew 11: 20-30; Genesis 19: 1 2-29.
. Ezekiel 28.
. Luke 7: 36-50, 8: 1-3.
. Matthew 12: 22-37.
. Matthew 12: 38-50.
. Jonah 1.
. Jonah 2, 3.
. 1 Kings 10: 1-13.
. Luke 11: 37-54.
. Genesis 4: 1-15; 2 Chronicles 24: 15-26.
. Luke 12: 1-21.
. Luke 12: 22-48.

MARCH.

1. Luke 12: 49-59, 13: 1-9.
2. Psalm 80; Isaiah 5: 1-10.
3. Matthew 13: 1-23.
4. Isaiah 55: 8-13; Psalm 65.
5. Matthew 13: 24-53.
6. Psalm 72.
7. Daniel 3: 13-30.
8. Daniel 12.
9. Malachi 3, 4.
10. Matthew 8: 18-27; Mark 5: 1-21.
11. 1 Samuel 16: 14-23, 18: 5-16.
12. Mark 2: 15-22, 5: 22-43.
13. Matthew 9: 27-34; 2 Kings 6: 8-23.
14. Mark 6: 1-6; Ecclesiastes 9: 13-18.
15. Matthew 9: 35-38, 10: 1-15.
16. 2 Chronicles 30: 1-12.
17. Mark 10: 16-42.
18. Mark 6: 12-16, 6: 21-31.
19. John 6: 1-14; Matthew 14: 22-36.
20. John 6: 22-51
21. Exodus 16: 1-21.
22. Psalm 78: 1-39.
23. John 6: 52-71
24. Amos 7: 1-15.
25. Mark 7: 1-23.
26. Jeremiah 35: 1-19.
27. Micah 6.
28. Mark 7: 24-37 8: 1-9.
29. Mark 8: 10-26
30. Matthew 16: 13-28.
31. Matthew 17: 1-13; Exodus 33: 12-23.

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1. Deuteronomy 34; 2 Kings 2: 1-18.
2. Mark 9: 14-32.
3. 2 Kings 4: 18-37.
4. Matthew 17: 24-27; Mark 9: 33-50.
5. Numbers 11: 24-30; Deut. 13: 1-11.
6. Matthew 18: 10-35.
7. 2 Samuel 12: 1-10.
8. Luke 10: 1-16.
9. Luke 9: 51-56, 17: 11-19.

MINISTRY: JERUSALEM AND PERÆ.

10. John 7: 2-31.
11. John 7: 32-53.
12. Isaiah 35: 1-10; Ezekiel 47: 1-12.
13. John 8: 1-32.
14. John 8: 33-59.
15. Luke 10: 25-37; Leviticus 19: 1-18.
16. Luke 10: 38-42; Deut. 6: 1-15.
17. Luke 11: 1-24.
18. John 9: 1-7; 2 Kings 5: 1-14.
19. John 9: 8-41.
20. John 10: 1-21.
21. Ezekiel 34.
22. John 10: 22-42.
23. John 11: 1-29.
24. John 11: 30-54.
25. Isaiah 49: 1-12.
26. Luke 13: 10-35.
27. Luke 14: 1-24.
28. Luke 14: 25-35; Joshua 24: 1-25.
29. Luke 15: 1-32.
30. 2 Samuel 14: 1-24.

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1. 2 Samuel 18: 1-33.
2. Luke 16: 1-18.
3. Luke 16: 19-31, 17: 1-10.
4. Luke 17: 20-37.
5. Genesis 6: 5-18, 19: 12-26.
6. Luke 18: 1-14; 2 Kings 4: 1-7.
7. Matthew 19: 3-30.
8. Matthew 20: 1-19.
9. Matthew 20: 20-34.
10. Luke 19: 1-28.

LAST WEEK.

11. John 11: 55-57, 12: 1-11. [19: 29-44.
12. Matt. 21: 1-17; John 12: 12-19; Luke
13. Psalm 118.
14. Mark 11: 12-26.
15. Matthew 21: 23-46.
16. Judges 9: 1-21.
17. Matthew 22: 1-22.
18. Luke 20: 27-40; Exodus 3: 1-6.
19. Mark 12: 28-40.
20. Matthew 23: 1-22.
21. Matthew 23: 23-39; Mark 12: 41-44.
22. John 12: 20-50.
23. 2 Samuel 7: 12-17; Is. 9: 1-7, 6: 1-10.
24. Mark 13: 1-20; Daniel 9: 20-27.
25. Matthew 24: 23-51.
26. Matthew 25: 1-30.
27. Matthew 25: 31-46.
28. Luke 22: 1-18, 24-30.
29. Exodus 12: 1-28.
30. John 13: 1-20.
31. John 13: 21-38.

JUNE.

1. Matthew 26: 31-35; Luke 22: 31-38; Matthew 26: 26-29.
2. Zechariah 13.
3-6. John 14-17.
7. 1 Chronicles 29: 10-28.
8. Matthew 26: 36-47; Luke 22: 39-47.
9. John 18: 2-12; Matthew 26: 48-56.
10. John 18: 13-27; Luke 22: 54-62.
11. Mk. 14: 55-65, 15: 1-5; Jn. 18: 28-38.
12. Luke 23: 4-25; Matt. 27: 15-26.
13. Matthew 27: 27-31; John 19: 4-16.
14. Matthew 27: 3-10; Luke 23: 26-33.
15. Luke 23: 34-43; John 19: 18-27.
16. Matthew 27: 45-56; Luke 23: 44-46; John 19: 28-30.
17. Psalm 22.
18. John 19: 31-42; Luke 23: 50-56; Matthew 27: 62-66.
19. Isaiah 53.

RESURRECTION AND ASCENSION.

20. Matthew 28: 1-15; John 20: 1-18.
21. Luke 24: 13-35.
22. Luke 24: 36-49; John 20: 19-29.
23. John 21: 1-24.
24. Matthew 28: 16-20; Acts 1: 1-12; Luke 24: 50-53; John 20: 30, 31; John 21: 25.
25-27. Revelation 1-3.
28. Revelation 5.
29. Hebrews 1.
30. Hebrews 2.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR JULY-DECEMBER, 1889.

The following Bible Readings, like the preceding on the life of Christ, bring into a continuous narrative the history and literature of the reigns of Saul, David, and Solomon. It is the period of Israel's greatest prosperity in military success, civil splendor, and literature. David composed his songs of devotion which gave a model to others who followed him. Solomon gave origin to the literature embraced in the Proverbs, the Song of Solomon, and the book of Ecclesiastes. These books, standing between the histories of earlier years, and the prophets which follow, are the great and enduring monuments of Hebrew literature. In the readings, this literature, more especially the Psalms which seem to relate to the period embraced, is distributed at points of history with which its sentiment seems to be in harmony.

JULY.

SAMUEL, SAUL, DAVID.

1-15. 1 Samuel 1-15.
16-19. Ruth 1-4.
20. 1 Samuel 16.
21. Psalm 78.

22-24. 1 Samuel 17-19.
25. Psalm 59.
26. 1 Samuel 20.
27. 1 Samuel 21.
28. Psalms 34, 56.
29. Psalm 109.
30. 1 Samuel 22.
31. Psalms 52, 58.

AUGUST.

1. 1 Samuel 23.
2. Psalms 57, 17.
3. Psalms 142, 31.
4. 1 Samuel 24.
5. Psalm 7.
6. 1 Samuel 25.
7. 1 Samuel 26: 1-4; Psalms 54, 11.
8. 1 Samuel 26: 5-25.
9. Psalms 140, 141.
10. 1 Sam. 27: 1-7; 1 Chron. 12: 1-22.
11. 1 Samuel 27: 8-12; Psalms 120, 13.
12-15. 1 Samuel 28-31.
16. 2 Samuel 1.
17. 2 Samuel 2.
18. 2 Samuel 3: 1-30.
19. 2 Samuel 3: 31-39; Psalm 28.
20. 2 Samuel 4.

DAVID MADE KING.

21. 2 Samuel 5: 1-5; 1 Chron. 12: 23-40.
22. 1 Chronicles 11 : 4-47.
23. 2 Samuel 5: 6-25.
24. Psalms 30, 101.

25. 1 Chronicles 13.
26. 1 Chronicles 15.
27. 2 Samuel 6: 12-23; Psalm 122.
28. 1 Chronicles 16.
29. Psalms 46-48.
30. Psalm 49.
31. Psalm 50.

SEPTEMBER.

1. Psalms 24, 15, 84.
2. Psalms 110, 80.
3. Psalms 26, 138.
4. 2 Samuel 7.
5. Psalms 131-134.
6. Psalm 139.
7. Psalm 89.
8. 2 Samuel 8; Psalm 60.
9. Psalms 108, 44.
10-13. 2 Samuel 9-12.
14. Psalm 51.
15. Psalms 38, 32.
16. Psalm 68.

ABSALOM.

17-20. 2 Samuel 13-16.
21. Psalm 55; Psalms 3-6.
22. Psalms 12, 61, 62.
23. Psalms 63, 64.
24. Psalm 37.
25. Psalms 85, 86.
26. 2 Samuel 17.
27. Psalms 41-43.
28. 2 Samuel 18.
29. 2 Samuel 19.
30. Psalm 31.

OCTOBER.

1. Psalms 27, 124.
2. Psalm 66.
3. 2 Samuel 20.
4. 2 Samuel 21.
5. Psalm 9.
6. 2 Samuel 22.
7. Psalms 21, 144.
8. Psalm 145.
9. 2 Samuel 24.
10. 1 Chronicles 21.
11. Psalm 103.
12. 1 Chronicles 22.

DAVID'S PROVISION FOR THE KINGDOM, AND FOR GOD'S HOUSE.

13. 1 Kings 1: 1-31.
14. 1 Kings 1: 32-53.
15. 1 Chronicles 23.
16. 1 Chronicles 24: 1-7, 31; 25: 1-7.
17. 1 Chronicles 26: 13-32.
18. 1 Chronicles 27: 1, 23-34.
19. 1 Chronicles 28.
20. 1 Chronicles 29.
21. Psalm 71.
22. 1 Kings 2: 1-11; 2 Samuel 23: 1-7.

MISCELLANEOUS SONGS OF DAVID: DIDACTIC, PROPHETIC, OF NATURE, SORROW, JOY, AND WORSHIP.

23. Psalms 1, 2.
24. Psalms 8, 19.
25. Psalms 29, 65.
26. Psalms 14, 36.

27. Psalm 22.
28. Psalm 25.
29. Psalm 40.
30. Psalms 16, 30.
31. Psalms 62, 70, 23.

NOVEMBER.

SOLOMON'S REIGN.

1. 1 Kings 2: 12-46.
2. 2 Chronicles 1; Psalm 72.
3. 1 Kings 3.
4. 1 Kings 4.
5. 2 Chronicles 2.
6. 1 Kings 5.
7. 2 Chronicles 3.
8. 2 Chronicles 4, 5.
9. 2 Chronicles 6.
10. 2 Chronicles 7.
11. 1 Kings 9: 10-28.
12. Psalms 45, 127.

LITERATURE OF SOLOMON.

13. Song of Solomon 1, 2.
14. Song of Solomon 3, 4.
15. Song of Solomon 5, 6.
16. Song of Solomon 7, 8.
17. 1 Kings 10.
18-30. Proverbs 1-13.

DECEMBER.

1-18. Proverbs 14-31.
19. 1 Kings 11.
20-31. Ecclesiastes 1-12.

PRAYER-MEETING TOPICS.

The one thing that makes the hour of prayer blessed is the light of the living God in the souls of his communing children. — *Dr. C. L. Goodell.*

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The place of prayer is a place of rest after toil, of comfort in perplexity and trouble. Next to the joy of heaven is the gladness of hearts gathered together in prayer. — *Dr. C. L. Goodell.*

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If we want live prayer-meetings we must make them deal largely with questions of life. If people can see that the prayer-meeting will help them in clearing their ideas of right and wrong, they will not need so much urging to attend it. — *Washington Gladden.*

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As true a prayer may be offered in a single sentence as in a supplication fifteen minutes long. One definite petition is worth a score of prayer-meeting generalities. — *Rev. F. E. Clark.*

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This list of prayer-meeting topics has been selected with great care, in the hope of affording real assistance to multitudes of these meetings throughout the land. An editorial article in THE CONGREGATIONALIST every week, relating to the topic for the following week, will be found helpful to all who wish to make preparation for the meeting.

PRAYER-MEETING TOPICS.*

From January 1 to March 31, 1889.

January 6-12.

EXEMPLIFYING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE. Ps. 62; Eph. 4: 17-32; 1 John 3: 18-24.

January 13-19.

CHRIST'S EXAMPLE IN RESPECT TO PRAYER. John 17: 11-21; Matt. 26: 37-44.

January 20-26.

CHRIST'S EXAMPLE IN RESPECT TO RELIGIOUS EFFORT. Matt. 4: 17-24; Mark 1: 21-39.

January 27-February 2.

SIN IN THE SIGHT OF GOD. Heb. 10: 26-31; Rom. 6: 12-23; John 3: 14-18.

February 3-9.

DISTRUSTING CHRIST. John 5: 36-47; John 10: 24-38.

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February 10-16.

THE COST OF SERVING CHRIST. Matt. 19: 16-29; Matt. 16: 24-26; Phil. 3: 7-11.

February 17-23.

THE REWARDS OF SERVING CHRIST. Rom. 8: 31-39; Rev. 21: 1-7.

February 24-March 2.

THE PRACTICAL NATURE OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION. Col. 3: 1-15; James 1: 26, 27.

March 3-9.

WHAT CHRIST EXPECTS OF US. Phil. 2: 12-16; Rev. 3: 2, 3; John 15: 16.

March 10-16.

TRUE MOTIVES OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE. John 4: 16-19; Luke 15: 17-24.

March 17-23.

THE CROSS AND THE CRUCIFIED ONE. John 12: 23-33; Matt. 27: 35-53.

March 24-30.

THE RISEN REDEEMER. 1 Cor. 15: 1-20; 1 Pet. 1: 1-9.

PRAYER-MEETING TOPICS.

From April 1 to June 30, 1889.

March 31-April 6.

THINKING GOD'S THOUGHTS. Is. 55: 7-9; Ps. 139: 17; 1 Cor. 2: 10-16.

April 7-13.

FIRST STEPS IN CHRISTIAN LIVING. Acts 9: 6; Luke 22: 32; 1 Tim. 6: 6-14; John 21: 15-17.

April 14-20.

THE PROOF OF LOVE TO GOD. Deut. 11: 26-28; John 14: 15-23; Eph. 6: 6, 7.

April 21-27.

FAILURES AND NEW BEGINNINGS. Ps. 51; 2 Cor. 7: 10, 11.

April 28-May 4.

LEARNING FROM OUR MISTAKES. Acts 26: 9-20; 1 Tim. 1: 12-16.

May 5-11.

THE CHRISTIAN'S RELATION TO PUBLIC OPINION. Matt. 16: 13-17; Matt. 5: 13-16; James 2: 1-4; Acts 8: 5-12.

May 12-18.

THE VALUE OF CHRISTIAN FORMS AND OBSERVANCES. Matt. 3: 1-15; 1 Cor. 11: 23-26; 2 Cor. 3: 6.

May 19-25.

SELF-SACRIFICE THE LAW OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE. Is. 53; Rom. 12: 1-3; Rom. 4: 13-21.

May 26-June 1.

CHRISTIAN FEARLESSNESS. Is. 50: 7; Acts 7: 55-60; Acts 27: 21-36; 1 Pet. 3: 13-15.

June 2-8.

THE HOSTILITY OF THE WORLD TO THE CHURCH. John 15: 18-25; John 16: 2, 3; Acts 19: 23-28.

June 9-15.

THE INCIDENTAL INDEBTEDNESS OF THE WORLD TO CHRISTIANITY. Gen. 18: 23-32; Acts 27: 21-24.

June 16-22.

THE WONDERS OF CHRISTIANITY PROVE ITS DIVINE ORIGIN AND AUTHORITY. John 3: 2; John 9: 30-33; Heb. 2: 1-4.

June 23-29.

DOING LITTLE THINGS FOR CHRIST. 1 Cor. 10: 31; Matt. 10: 42; Col. 3: 10-24.

PRAYER-MEETING TOPICS.*

From July 1 to September 30, 1889.

June 30-July 6.

PERSONAL CONSECRATION AND NATIONAL WELFARE. Is. 1: 16-27; Prov. 2: 3-11, 29: 2; 2 Chron. 31: 20, 21, and 32: 21, 22.

July 7-13.

THE APPARENT TRIUMPHS OF WICKEDNESS ARE UNSUBSTANTIAL. Prov. 11: 18-31; Ps. 37: 1-11; Gal. 6: 7-9.

July 14-20.

TRUE PENITENCE: ITS EFFECTS. 2 Chron. 7: 12-14; 2 Cor. 1: 8-11; James 4: 7-10.

July 21-27.

UNREASONABLE PETITIONS. Num. 11: 4-6, 13, 32, 33; Matt. 20: 20-23; James 1: 6, 7.

July 28-August 3.

THE IMPORTANCE OF INDIVIDUALS TO GOD'S PLANS FOR THE WORLD. Gen. 41: 37-44; 2 Sam. 7: 8-16; Acts 9: 13-16.

August 4-10.

THE SUSTAINING POWER OF A CLEAR CONSCIENCE. Dan. 3: 16-18; Acts 7: 55-60; Acts 16: 19-25; 2 Tim. 4: 6-8.

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August 11-17.

How Good People Sometimes Set Bad xamples. Gen. 20: 1, 2, 10-13; Luke 9: 1-56; James 2: 1-6.

August 18-24.

Readiness to Serve God. Is. 6: 5-8; om. 1: 13-16; Gal. 6: 9, 10.

August 25-31.

Common-sense in Christian Service. 1 am. 17: 38-40, 48-50; Matt. 25: 1-13; om. 12: 6-8.

September 1-7.

Christ Alone Understands Us Thoroughly. John 2: 24, 25; John 1: 45-50; leb. 4: 15, and 5: 8, 9.

September 8-14.

The Value of a Holy Character. en. 6: 8-18; 2 Pet. 1: 5-8; Rom. 5: 7.

September 15-21.

Indications of Providence. 1 Sam. 10: 7; Acts 10: 17-20, 34, 44-48.

September 22-28.

Religious Meditation. Ps. 77: 5-12; 1 im. 4: 12-15.

PRAYER-MEETING TOPICS.*

From October 1 to December 31, 1889.

September 29-October 5.

THE ESSENTIALS OF CHRISTIANITY. Mark 12: 28-34; Mic. 6: 6-8.

October 6-12.

GREATER WORKS THAN CHRIST'S POSSIBLE TO US. John 14: 12-14; Matt. 21: 21, 22.

October 13-19.

THE COMPENSATIONS OF CHRISTIANITY. 2 Chron. 25: 5-9; Mark 10: 24-30.

October 20-26.

WEAKNESS AT OUR STRONGEST POINTS. 1 Cor. 10: 11-13; Luke 22: 31, 32, 56-62.

October 27-November 2.

MYSTERY IN DIVINE PROVIDENCE SHOULD HINDER NO ONE FROM ACCEPTING CHRIST. John 13: 1-10; John 3: 1-12.

November 3-9.

HUMAN NATURE AT ITS BEST NEEDS DIVINE GRACE. Luke 18: 9-14, 18-23; Job 21: 16-22; 40: 3-5, and 42: 5, 6; Rom. 3: 23-25.

November 10-16.

FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD THROUGH CHRIST. John 14: 20-26; 1 John 1: 5-7.

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November 17-23.

CHRISTIAN CO-OPERATION. Ex. 17: 8-12; cts 2: 44; Matt. 18: 19; Phil. 1: 27.

November 24-30.

THANKSGIVING AND OUR SPECIAL REASONS OR IT. Ps. 100; 1 Chron. 16: 7-36; Ps. 26: 2, 3; 2 Pet. 1: 3, 4.

December 1-7.

BUSINESS-LIKE RELIGION. Prov. 4: 20-27; Pet. 1: 5-11; Luke 13: 24.

December 8-14.

MISCONCEPTIONS OF RELIGION. Ps. 50: ; Jas. 1: 13-27; Lu. 21: 8; Acts 19: 1-6.

December 15-21.

WHAT IS CHRIST TO US? Matt. 22: 42; al. 3: 26-29; 1 John 3: 1-5; Col. 1: 27, 28.

December 22-28.

WHAT THE WORLD WOULD BE LIKE IF HRIST NEVER HAD COME. Rom. 1: 21-25; Cor. 10: 1-11; Gal. 5: 1.

December 29-January 4.

SELF-EXAMINATION. 2 Cor. 13: 5; 1 Cor. : 28, 29; 1 John 3: 20, 21.

LESSONS FOR 1889.*

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Jan.	13.	A Sabbath in the Life of Jesus. Mark 1: 21-34
Jan.	20.	Healing of the Leper . . Mark 1: 35-45
Jan.	27.	Forgiveness and Healing . Mark 2: 1-12
Feb.	3.	The Parable of the Sower . Mark 4: 10-20
Feb.	10.	The Fierce Demoniac . . Mark 5: 1-20
Feb.	17.	The Timid Woman's Touch Mark 5: 25-34
Feb.	24.	The Great Teacher and the Twelve. Mark 6: 1-13
Mar.	3.	Jesus the Messiah . . Mark 8: 27—9: 1
Mar.	10.	The Child-like Spirit . . Mark 9: 33-42
Mar.	17.	Christ's Love to the Young. Mark 10: 13-22
Mar.	24.	Blind Bartimæus . . . Mark 10: 46-52
Mar.	31.	Review, Temperance or Missionary Lesson.

Second Quarter.

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April	14.	The Rejected Son . . . Mark 12: 1-12
April	21.	The Two Great Commandments. Mark 12: 28-34
April	28.	Destruction of the Temple Foretold. Mark 13: 1-13
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May	19.	The Lord's Supper . . . Mark 14: 12-27
May	26.	Jesus Betrayed . . . . Mark 14: 43-54
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June	23.	Jesus Risen . . . . . Mark 16: 1-13
June	30.	Review, Temperance or Missionary Lesson.

* *Comments on these Lessons by Rev. A. E. Dunning, D.D., appear in THE CONGREGATIONALIST each week.*

STUDIES IN JEWISH HISTORY.

Third Quarter.

ıly 7.	Samuel called of God . .	1 Sam. 3: 1-14
ıly 14.	The Sorrowful Death of Eli	1 Sam. 4: 1-18
ıly 21.	Samuel the Reformer . .	1 Sam. 7: 1-12
ıly 28.	Israel Asking for a King .	1 Sam. 8: 4-20
ug. 4.	Saul Chosen of the Lord .	1 Sam. 9: 15-27
ug. 11.	Samuel's Farewell Address	1 Sam. 12: 1-15
ug. 18.	Saul Rejected by the Lord.	1 Sam. 15: 10-23
ug. 25.	The Anointing of David .	1 Sam. 16: 1-13
ept. 1.	David and Goliath . . .	1 Sam. 17: 32-51
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CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS.

Latest Compilation to January 1, 1888.

States, etc.	Total Churches.	Total Ministers.	Total Members.	Sunday-school Members.
Alabama	22	21	1,326	1,403
Arizona	3	3	118	270
Arkansas	7	8	306	560
California	131	150	8,508	14,558
Colorado	32	26	2,084	2,970
Connecticut	298	381	57,502	55,352
Dakota	160	109	5,201	10,199
District Columbia	5	10	1,214	1,181
Florida	34	23	742	955
Georgia	18	14	1,722	2,651
Idaho	1	1	14	110
Illinois	261	294	29,867	42,283
Indiana	35	22	2,275	3,077
Indian Territory	9	5	177	913
Iowa	260	240	21,120	24,947
Kansas	198	168	10,320	13,844
Kentucky	11	8	377	1,094
Louisiana	14	10	1,101	912
Maine	244	190	21,267	22,487
Maryland	2	2	263	473
Massachusetts	540	678	98,009	114,178
Michigan	298	257	21,757	28,835
Minnesota	153	138	10,685	16,394
Mississippi	8	5	215	393
Missouri	81	71	6,670	9,200
Montana	4	4	197	367
Nebraska	166	141	7,456	11,985
Nevada	1	1	32	62
New Hampshire	189	182	19,798	21,375
New Jersey	27	30	4,246	4,593
New Mexico	5	10	130	380

ew York	266	267	39,130	45,161
orth Carolina .	16	5	910	1,375
nio	230	215	27,984	29,488
regon	29	28	1,304	1,852
nnsylvania . .	97	70	8,248	10,591
node Island . .	28	35	6,146	7,029
uth Carolina . .	3	4	359	344
nnessee	24	20	1,171	2,268
xas	14	14	602	1,052
ah	5	5	267	1,001
rmont	198	217	20,365	22,181
rginia	2	2	147	205
ash. Territory .	53	40	1,391	2,015
est Virginia . .	2	1	127	206
isconsin	212	154	14,444	18,589
yoming	8	5	290	333
Totals	4,404	4,284	457,584	555,691

According to the CONGREGATIONAL YEAR BOOK the et gain in the number of churches for the last year ported was 127; net gain in membership, 21,205; net ain in Sabbath-school membership, 29,704. The total enevolent contributions of the churches for the year, s printed January 1, 1888, were $2,095,485, which is a et gain of $418,275. The total amount of home ex- nditure in the 4,404 churches, as reported, is $5,078,- 3o, being an increase for the year of $1,169,755. The urch reporting the largest benevolence in the denomi- ation for the year ending January 1, 1888, is the Ply- outh in Minneapolis, Rev. C. F. Thwing, D.D., stor. The amount is $116,654, the larger part of hich went to Carleton College. The next statistics of e denomination, bringing the figures up to January 1, 89, will be issued in the spring of the same year.

OUR SEVEN SOCIETIES.

THE AMERICAN BOARD.

Treasurer: L. S. Ward, Congregational House. *Secretaries:* Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D., Rev. E. K. Alden, D.D., Rev. Judson Smith, D.D. *District Secretaries:* Rev. C. H. Daniels, New York; Rev. S. J. Humphrey, D.D., and Rev. A. N. Hitchcock, D.D., Chicago. *Field Secretary:* Rev. C. C. Creegan, D.D. Income for the year ending September 1, 1888, $667,289.

The Board has been the agency, honored of God and of men, through which the Congregational churches of the United States, in coöperation with other Christians, have for 78 years sought to obey the Saviour's last command in preaching his gospel among pagans and nominal Christians. It has now connected with its 22 missions in various parts of the world 472 American missionaries, male and female, and over two thousand native preachers, catechists, and teachers. There is no limit to the work which might be done were the supplies of men and money sufficient. The American Board covers in the wide field of its operations all the branches of work undertaken in the United States by many distinct societies. It is a church-aid society, a church-building society, a college and educational society, a Bible society, and a tract and publication society. The machinery for prosecuting the work is in order; languages are mastered; needed translations in many cases are finished. The one hundred millions of souls within the field of the Board are accessible. Opposition is waning. It is time for a grand advance all along the line. "Some can go, most can give, all can pray."

AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Treasurer: Rev. A. H. Clapp, D.D., Bible House, New York. *Secretaries:* Rev. D. B. Coe, D.D., Rev. J. B. Clark, D.D., Rev. Wm. Kincaid, D.D. Income for the year ending April 1, 1888, $548,729.

This Society has been the agent in planting and rearing more than five-sevenths of all our Congregational churches in the country, and still its work broadens. Its only limit is its scanty means. More than 3,000 churches and congregations look to it for help; nearly

)00 missionaries go in the Master's name to their self-
:rificing work, trusting its promise to pay. These
ssionaries, in 42 States and Territories, last year or-
ıized 130 new churches, brought 59 to self-support,
lcomed to the Christian life 8,120 converts, started
} Sunday-schools, and gave Bible instruction to 130,-
› pupils. Eighty-seven students for the ministry are
ler their charge. A dozen nationalities are in their
ıgregations. They are foreign missionaries on home
l. To continue work well begun requires, for 1888–
$600,000. To meet the "new work" waiting as a
'hite harvest" $50,000 will only half suffice. No official
)eal is here. It is only so much of the call of God as
cials dare not suppress. It must be heeded if past suc-
s and present blessing are to have fit consummation.

AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

Treasurer: H. W. Hubbard, 56 Reade Street, New
rk. *Secretaries:* Rev. M. E. Strieby, D.D., Rev.
F. Beard, D.D. *District Secretaries:* Rev. C. J.
der, Boston; Rev. J. E. Roy, D.D., Chicago. In-
ne for the year ending September 30, 1888, $323,147.
The Association has its schools and missions in the
ited States: In the South among the negroes and
ites, especially in the mountains; in the West among
Indians, and in the Pacific States among the Chi-
;e and a few Japanese. There are representatives of
ba, Honduras, and Mexico also in these mission
ools. There lies back of this great work in our own
d China, Japan, Africa, Cuba, and Mexico. The
ect of the American Missionary Association is to
ch these neglected races, which are within our
y doors. In our country three-fourths of our native
eracy is in the South. Forty per cent. of the whole
)ulation South cannot read the New Testament!
ıety thousand mothers in a single Southern State
› cannot read the Bible to their own children! The
;ro population has doubled during the last twenty
:rs. In sixty years, at the same rate of increase,
re will be sixty millions of negroes in the United
tes. Among the 2,000,000 mountain whites one-half
not read. The Bible is a sealed book to them. Of
40,000 Indian children less than 12,000 are provided
h school privileges! "We save our country, and
s save the world."

NEW WEST EDUCATION COMMISSION.

Treasurer: William H. Hubbard, 438 La Salle Avenue, Chicago. *Secretary:* Rev. Charles R. Bliss. Income for the year ending July 1, 1888, $63,315.

This organization, the youngest of the seven Congregational national benevolent societies, was called into being nearly ten years ago by the feeling that the Christian school is the most potent weapon that can be used against Mormonism and other evils in our Western Territories. It has now under its charge seven academies and 23 free schools, under the charge of 64 teachers, with 2,725 pupils. Its teachers also conduct 23 Sunday-schools, which have an attendance of nearly 2,000. The Society needs and could spend to the very best advantage not less than $100,000 the present year, and the Directors make an earnest appeal for this sum.

AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

Treasurer: H. O. Pinneo, Bible House, New York. *Secretary:* Rev. L. H. Cobb, D.D. *Field Secretaries:* Rev. C. H. Taintor, Chicago; Rev. Geo. A. Hood, Boston. Income for the last financial year, $152,693.

This Society aids in building churches and parsonages. Churches are aided by grant or loan; more ask a loan as the country grows richer. A loan of $1,000 secures the building of a church in a city, or of $500 in a town, now and every five years thereafter. A loan of $250 secures the building of a parsonage now and every five years thereafter. Experience shows that every $100 given to this American Congregational Union will save $50 to the American Home Missionary Society. A church in a new town, with a meeting-house and a parsonage, can soon be self-supporting and lead the town. But at the Board meeting, November 14, there was not one dollar to grant for 75 applications, and only six of them could receive even a loan. This means discouraged missionaries, churches sorry, feeble, disgracing our work and the town, with home missionary money wasted. Yet 500 more churches have no meeting-house! The rapid growth of the United States, the efficiency of Congregationalism in new towns, call on our churches to double our contributions and relieve this distressing pressure.

ONG. S. S. AND PUBLISHING SOCIETY.

MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT. — *Treasurer:* E. Lawce Barnard, Cong'l House, Boston; *Secretaries:* v. A. E. Dunning, D.D., Rev. G. M. Boynton, D.D. ome for the year ending April 30, 1888, $43,268. his Society employs at present about 30 superindents and missionaries. Last year 22 labored in States and Territories, organizing 294 Sunday-ools, containing 10,405 members. They aided by ts and grants of supplies 804 other Sunday-schools. er workers, aided by the Society, organized 123 day-schools. Altogether the Society aided 2,132 day-schools, of which 417 were new. This work is fully systematized, groups of schools being planted re they can be cared for by pastors at central its. The Society does efficient work in training hers, its missionaries having held 136 Institutes ing the last year. It is also distributing annually lions of pages of religious reading where the gospel uld not otherwise be known. Its missionaries visit islands on the Atlantic coast, the poor whites in the nberland Mountains, and many others religiously lected. It opens the way for other missionary ieties.

I. COLLEGE AND EDUCATION SOCIETY.

reasurer: J. M. Gordon, Congregational House. *retary:* J. A. Hamilton, D.D. Amount disbursed colleges during the year ending April 30, 1887, $73,- for students preparing for the ministry, $38,755. he Society has had a large agency in the civilization he Great West. The men who were pioneers in the k of preaching the gospel in the new settlements largely educated by this Society. The colleges, h are now among the foremost in these Western s, were mainly built up by the same agency. Those ent on the Society's list are Colorado, Doane, fic University, Rollins, Whitman, and Yankton. h of these occupies a strategic position in the wide , and claims the generous and prayerful support of elievers in higher Christian learning. The num- of young men preparing for the ministry now re- ing assistance from the Society is about 290. Never the numerical proportion of ministers to pulpits less uate.

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

Two ideas have been kept prominent in selecting these Readings: First, to choose *devotional* passages suitable for family worship and for one's private reading of the Scriptures; and secondly, to keep in view some thought in the current Sunday-school lessons for 1890. A few deviations from this general plan will be observed, as, for example, where there is continuous reading of a given book, or where there is conformity to special days, like Easter, Christmas, and others. Sunday, also, has been emphasized to a certain extent. No attempt has been made, however, to outline a systematic course of Bible *study*, therefore the passages are necessarily brief and not closely connected with each other. Our principal aim has been to furnish something that shall help keep alive the fires on family altars, and stimulate young people to form a habit of reading God's Word *daily*.

Communications relating to this series of Bible Readings may be addressed to THE CONGREGATIONALIST.

JANUARY.

1. Joshua 24: 14–28 — A New Start
2. Joshua 23: 6–16 and Luke 9: 57–62, Looking Back
3. Matthew 3 — Preparing for the King
4. Malachi 3 — " " "
5. **Sunday,** Isaiah 58: 13, 14 and Psalm 84
6. Exodus 15: 1–19 — Song of Moses
7. Deuteronomy 32: 1–14 — " "
8. 2 Samuel 22: 1–20 — Song of David
9. 1 Chronicles 16: 7–29 — " "
10. Isaiah 12 and 26: 1–9 — Song of Israel
11. Rev. 5: 9–14 and 7: 9–17 — Song of Redemption
12. **Sunday,** Nehemiah 13: 15–22 and Psalm 122
13. Psalm 72 — Prophecies of Christ
14. Isaiah 42: 1–16 — " "
15. Isaiah 53 — " "
16. Isaiah 54: 1–10 — " "
17. Isaiah 55 — " "
18. Jeremiah 31: 27–37 — " "
19. **Sunday,** Numbers 15: 32–36; Matthew 12: 1–13
20. Romans 5: 1–11 — A Saviour from Sin
21. Ephesians 1: 1–14 — " " "
22. Ephesians 2: 1–13 — " " "
23. Ephesians 3 — " " "
24. Hebrews 1 and 2: 1 — " " "
25. Hebrews 9: 1–14 — " " "
26. **Sunday,** Exodus 31: 12–17 and Psalm 95
27. Deuteronomy 6: 1–15 — Teaching the Children
28. 2 Timothy 1: 1–12 and 3: 14–17 — Advice to Youth
29. 2 Timothy 2: 1–19 — " "
30. Proverbs 3: 1–26 — *Day of Prayer for Colleges*
31. Proverbs 4: 1–19 — True Wisdom

FEBRUARY.

1. Ephesians 6: 1–20 — Family Duties
2. **Sunday,** Isaiah 56: 1–8 and Psalm 116
3. Nehemiah 4: 7–23 — A Diligent Worker
4. James 1: 1–16 — Letter to Workers
5. James 1: 17–27 — " "
6. James 2: 1–17 — " "
7. James 3 — " "
8. James 4 — " "
9. **Sunday,** James 5 — Letter to Workers

10. Matthew 25: 31–46 — Personal Ministry
11. Mark 1: 21–35 — " "
12. John 13: 1–17 — " "
13. Acts 3: 1–18 — " "
14. Romans 12 — " "
15. Philippians 2: 1–13 — " "
16. **Sunday,** Psalm 27
17. Genesis 22: 1–14 — Temptation of Abraham
18. Daniel 3: 8–18 — Temptation of Three Worthies
19. Daniel 6: 4–17 — Temptation of Daniel
20. Matthew 4: 1–11 and 1 Corinthians 10: 12, 13 — Temptation of Christ
21. Hebrews 2: 6–18 and 4: 14–16 — Promises of Help
22. Psalms 1 and 15 — *Washington's Birthday*
23. **Sunday,** Psalm 42
24. Matthew 5: 1–20 — Teachings of Jesus
25. Matthew 5: 33–48 — " "
26. Matthew 6: 1–18 — " "
27. Matthew 6: 19–34 — " "
28. Matthew 7: 1–14 — " "

MARCH.

1. Matthew 7: 15–29 — Teachings of Jesus
2. **Sunday,** Isaiah 61 — Glad Tidings
3. Genesis 3: 1–19 — The First Sin
4. Genesis 4: 1–15 — Cain's Sin
5. Joshua 7: 16–26 — Achan's Sin
6. Psalm 51 — David's Sin
7. Jeremiah 17: 1–14 — Israel's Sin
8. Acts 4: 31–37 and 5: 1–11 — Ananias and Sapphira
9. **Sunday,** Psalm 32 and 1 John 1 — Sin's Remedy
10. Genesis 7: 11–24 — The Flood
11. Exodus 14: 19–31 — The Red Sea
12. Joshua 3: 7–17 — The Jordan
13. Psalm 107: 15–31 — Providence on Land and Sea
14. Matthew 4: 18–22 and 8: 23–34 — The Sea of Galilee
15. Matthew 14: 22–36 — " "
16. **Sunday,** John 21 — " "
17. Genesis 45: 1–15 and 50: 15–21 — Forgiveness
18. Exodus 32: 30–35 and 34: 1–9 — "
19. 1 Samuel 26: 5–12 — "
20. Nehemiah 9: 16–21 and 28–31 — "
21. Micah 7: 8–20 — "

22.	Psalm 25	Forgiveness
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25.	Exodus 12: 21–36	"
26.	2 Chronicles 30: 13–26	"
27.	2 Chronicles 35: 1 and 10–19	"
28.	Ezra 6: 16–22 and 1 Corinthians 5: 7, 8	"
29.	Mark 14: 1–16	"
30.	**Palm Sunday,** Matt. 21: 1–11; Ps. 118: 19–29	
31.	Matt. 21: 12–17 and John 2: 13–17	Passion Week

APRIL.

1.	Matthew 21: 18–32	Passion Week
2.	Mark 13: 1–13	" "
3.	Mark 14: 32–45	" "
4.	Mark 15: 15–38	" "
5.	Matthew 27: 50–66	" "
6.	**Easter Sunday,** Mark 16	
7.	1 Kings 17: 8–24	Life and Death
8.	2 Kings 2: 1–11	" "
9.	2 Kings 4: 18–37	" "
10.	Psalm 90	" "
11.	2 Corinthians 4	" "
12.	2 Corinthians 5: 1–15	" "
13.	**Sunday,** 2 Peter 3	" "
14.	1 John 2: 1–17	Love
15.	1 John 3: 1–18	"
16.	1 John 4: 7–21	"
17.	1 John 5: 1–15	"
18.	Galatians 5: 14–26	"
19.	Titus 2: 11–15 and 3: 1–7	"
20.	**Sunday,** 1 Corinthians 13	"
21.	Proverbs 11: 18–31	Sowing and Reaping
22.	Matthew 13: 1–17	" "
23.	Matthew 13: 18–30	" "
24.	Matt. 27: 3–10; Acts 1: 15–19	" "
25.	Galatians 6	" "
26.	Ecclesiastes 11: 1–6; Ps. 126	" "
27.	**Sunday,** Acts 2: 1–21	Pentecost
28.	Acts 2: 37–47	Growth of the Church
29.	Acts 4: 1–22	" "
30.	Acts 5: 12–28	" "

MAY.

Growth of the Church.

1. Acts 5: 29–42
2. Acts 6
3. Acts 7: 51–60 and 8: 1–4
4. **Sunday,** Acts 8: 5–25
5. Acts 8: 26–40
6. Acts 9: 1–16
7. Acts 9: 17–35
8. Acts 9: 36–43
9. Acts 10: 1–18
10. Acts 10: 19–33
11. **Sunday,** Acts 10: 34–48
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13. Acts 12: 1–19
14. Acts 13: 1–13
15. Acts 13: 44–52
16. Acts 14: 1–18
17. Acts 14: 19–28
18. **Sunday,** Acts 15: 1–12
19. Acts 15: 36–41 and 16: 1–12
20. Acts 16: 13–24
21. Acts 16: 25–40
22. Acts 17: 1–15
23. Acts 17: 16–34
24. Acts 18: 1–11
25. **Sunday,** Acts 18: 12–28
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28. Acts 20: 1–12
29. Acts 20: 13–27
30. Joshua 4 *Memorial Day*
31. Acts 20: 28–38

JUNE.

1. **Sunday,** Acts 21: 1–25
2. Acts 21: 26–39
3. Acts 21: 40 and 22: 1–4, 20–30
4. Acts 23: 1–16
5. Acts 23: 17–35
6. Acts 24: 1–14
7. Acts 24: 15–27

8. **Children's Sunday,** Matt. 18: 1–14; 19: 13–15
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10. Acts 25: 13–27 — " " "
11. Acts 26: 1–18 — " " "
12. Acts 26: 19–32 — " " "
13. Acts 27: 1–20 — " " "
14. Acts 27: 21–44 — " " "
15. **Sunday,** Acts 28 — " " "
16. Matthew 9: 18–38 — Faith and Trust
17. Psalm 91 — " "
18. Matthew 15: 21–39 — " "
19. Psalms 121, 124, 125 — " "
20. Psalm 37: 1–25 — " "
21. Hebrews 11: 1–16 — " "
22. **Sunday,** Hebrews 11: 17–40 — " "
23. Genesis 12: 1–9 and 15: 1–6 — Called to Service
24. Exodus 3: 1–14 — " "
25. Joshua 1: 1–9 — " "
26. 1 Samuel 3: 1–10 — " "
27. 1 Samuel 16: 1–13 — " "
28. Matthew 10: 16–33 — " "
29. **Sunday,** Colossians 3: 1–17 — " "
30. Genesis 1: 1–19 — God in Creation

JULY.

1. Genesis 1: 20–31 — God in Creation
2. Genesis 2 — " "
3. Psalm 19 — " "
4. Deuteronomy 4: 5–9, 32–40 — *Independence Day*
5. Job 36: 26–33 and 37: 14–24 — God in Creation
6. **Sunday,** Job 38: 18–41 — " "
7. 1 Kings 8: 54–66 — Feasts
8. Esther 9: 20–28 — "
9. Matthew 22: 1–14 — "
10. Mark 6: 14–30 — "
11. Luke 5: 27–39 — "
12. 1 Corinthians 10: 16–33 — "
13. **Sunday,** Revelation 19: 4–16 — "
14. Deuteronomy 30: 11–20 — Counting the Cost.
15. Matthew 16: 13–28 — " "
16. Mark 10: 17–31 — " "
17. Mark 12: 28–44 — Giving all to Christ
18. 1 Corinthians 3: 9–23 — Character building
19. 2 Peter 1: 1–15 — " "

20. **Sunday,** First-day Offerings
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21. Matthew 13: 44–58 Various Parables
22. Matthew 18: 21–35 " "
23. Matthew 20: 1–16 " "
24. Matthew 24: 29–44 " "
25. Matthew 25: 14–30 " "
26. Mark 12: 1–17 " "
27. **Sunday,** Hebrews 12, The Immovable Kingdom
28. Ezra 9: 5–15 Repentance
29. Isaiah 1: 1–18 "
30. Ezekiel 18: 20–32 "
31. Psalm 130 and Luke 13: 1–5 "

AUGUST.

1. 2 Corinthians 6 Repentance
2. 2 Corinthians 7: 1–11 "
3. **Sunday,** Hebrews 6 "
4. Genesis 13 Two Choices
5. Psalm 73 Prosperity of the Wicked
6. Ecclesiastes 8: 6–17 " " "
7. Luke 6: 17–36 Woe to the Wicked
8. Luke 17: 20–37 Taken and Left
9. 1 Timothy 6: 6–21 Riches a Snare
10. **Sunday,** Hebrews 13: 5–25 Contentment
11. Genesis 40 Ingratitude
12. Numbers 16: 1–14 "
13. Luke 8: 26–40 Gratitude
14. Psalm 66 "
15. 2 Samuel 7: 18–29 "
16. Psalm 71 "
17. **Sunday,** 2 Kings 5 Naaman's Leprosy
18. Genesis 18: 16–33 Prayer
19. 2 Kings 20: 1–11 "
20. 1 Chronicles 29: 10–25 "
21. Psalm 86 "
22. Philippians 4 "
23. Romans 8: 26–39 "
24. **Sunday,** 2 Chronicles 6: 18–40 "
25. Romans 14: 1–17 The Kingdom of God
26. Colossians 1: 1–23 " "
27. Romans 6 Some of its Privileges
28. Romans 8: 1–18 " "
29. Romans 15: 1–19 Some of its Duties

30. 1 Corinthians 2 — Spiritual Insight
31. **Sunday,** 2 Corinthians 1 — Divine Comfort

SEPTEMBER.

1. 2 Thessalonians 3, A Model Workman — *Labor Day*
2. Joshua 2: 1–21 — Story of Jericho
3. Joshua 3 — ,, ,,
4. Joshua 6: 1–20 — ,, ,,
5. Romans 1: 1–17 — Salvation for All
6. 1 Timothy 1: 12–20 and 2: 1–6 — ,, ,,
7. **Sunday,** Romans 10: 1–17 — ,, ,,
8. Hebrews 4 — God's Word
9. 2 Kings 22: 8–20 — ,, ,,
10. Jeremiah 36: 1–10 — ,, ,,
11. Jeremiah 36: 11–32 — ,, ,,
12. Psalm 119: 1–24 — ,, ,,
13. Isaiah 119: 25–48 — ,, ,,
14. **Sunday,** Psalm 119: 49–72 — ,, ,,
15. Psalm 119: 73–96 — ,, ,,
16. Psalm 119: 97–120 — ,, ,,
17. Psalm 119: 121–144 — ,, ,,
18. Psalm 119: 145–176 — ,, ,,
19. Nehemiah 8: 5–18 — ,, ,,
20. Isaiah 40: 1–11 and 28–31 — ,, ,,
21. **Sunday,** Revelation 1 — ,, ,,
22. Genesis 41: 38–55 — A Faithful Servant
23. Genesis 42: 1–20 — ,, ,,
24. Genesis 42: 21–38 — ,, ,,
25. Genesis 43: 1–15 — ,, ,,
26. Genesis 43: 16–34 — ,, ,,
27. Genesis 44: 1–17 — ,, ,,
28. **Sunday,** Genesis 44: 18–34 — ,, ,,
29. Genesis 45 — ,, ,,
30. Genesis 47: 1–17 — ,, ,,

OCTOBER.

1. Exodus 34: 22–35 — Harvest Season
2. Leviticus 23: 9–22 — ,, ,,
3. Leviticus 23: 33–44 — ,, ,,
4. Psalms 23 and 24 — Shepherd and King
5. **Sunday,** Psalm 104: 1–24 — God's Greatness
6. Exodus 19: 10–25 — On the Mount
7. Exodus 20: 1–21 — ,, ,,

8.	Deuteronomy 34	On the Mount
9.	2 Sam. 15: 30–37 and 2 Sam. 16: 1–3	,, ,,
10.	1 Kings 18: 20–39	,, ,,
11.	Matthew 17: 1–21	,, ,,
12.	**Sunday,** Matthew 28: 16–20 and Acts 1: 1–14	On the Mount
13.	Matthew 8: 1–17	Service
14.	Luke 16: 1–13	,,
15.	1 Corinthians 9: 13–27	,,
16.	Galatians 1	A Zealous Servant
17.	Galatians 2	,, ,,
18.	Galatians 3: 1–14	,, ,,
19.	**Sunday,** Ephesians 4	The Lord's Prisoner
20.	Romans 13	Respect for Rulers
21.	Colossians 2: 6–23	Steadfastness
22.	Hebrews 3	,,
23.	1 Corinthians 1: 1–24	Christian Unity
24.	2 Corinthians 8: 1–21	Liberal Giving
25.	Philemon	A Brother Beloved
26.	**Sunday,** Lamentations 3: 22–40	Mercy
27.	Isaiah 11: 1–9 and 25: 1–9	Christ Victorious
28	Isaiah 32: 1–8 and 33: 13–17	,, ,,
29.	Isaiah 43: 1–13	,, ,,
30.	Isaiah 51: 1–11	,, ,,
31.	Isaiah 52	,, ,,

NOVEMBER.

The Gospel of Love.

1. John 1: 1–28
2. **Sunday,** John 1: 29–51
3. John 2
4. John 3: 1–21
5. John 3: 22–36
6. John 4: 1–26
7. John 4: 27–42
8. John 4: 43–54
9. **Sunday,** John 5: 1–16
10. John 5: 17–31
11. John 5: 32–47
12. John 6: 1–21
13. John 6: 22–35
14. John 6: 36–58
15. John 6: 59–71
16. **Sunday,** John 7: 1–31

THE GOSPEL OF LOVE.

17. John 7: 32–53
18. John 8: 1–20
19. John 8: 21–47
20. John 8: 48–59
21. John 9: 1–23
22. John 9: 24–41
23. **Sunday,** John 10: 1–21
24. John 10: 22–42
25. John 11: 1–19
26. John 11: 20–40
27. Psalm 65 *Thanksgiving*
28. John 11: 41–57
29. John 12: 1–22
30. **Sunday,** John 12: 23–50

DECEMBER.

1. John 13: 1–17
2. John 13: 18–38
3. John 14: 1–14
4. John 14: 15–31
5. John 15: 1–15
6. John 15: 16–27
7. **Sunday,** John 16
8. John 17

SOME CHOICE PSALMS.

9. Psalm 16
10. Psalm 17
11. Psalm 33
12. Psalm 34
13. Psalm 40
14. **Sunday,** Psalms 56 and 61
15. Psalm 81
16. Psalm 85
17. Psalm 92
18. Psalm 94
19. Psalm 139
20. 1 Peter 1: 1–21 Some Last Words
21. **Sunday,** Psalms 111 and 112 *Forefathers' Day*
22. 1 Peter 3: 8–22 Some Last Words
23. 1 Peter 4 " " "
24. 1 Peter 5 " " "
25. Isaiah 9: 1–7; Matthew 2: 1–11 *Christmas Day*

26. 1 Thessalonians 5	Last Thoughts	
27. 2 Thessalonians 1	,,	,,
28. **Sunday,** 2 Thessalonians 2	,,	,,
29. Revelation 20	,,	,,
30. Revelation 21: 10–27	,,	,,
31. Revelation 22	,,	,,

I conjure you to read and meditate upon the Bible; do not throw it aside for a play or a novel.

—*Samuel Johnson.*

The Bible is the only cement of nations and the only cement that can bind religious hearts together.

—*Bunsen.*

The Home Department of *The Congregationalist* has steadily gained in power and popularity since its establishment six years ago, and no pains will be spared to maintain its excellence and to broaden its scope and usefulness. Besides the present able corps of contributors, we have arranged for special articles from Mrs. Alice Freeman Palmer, "Margaret Sidney," Dr. Louise Fiske Bryson, and other well-known writers, who will furnish valuable suggestions on the moral, mental, physical, and social training of young people. As heretofore, we shall lay special stress upon the religious life of the home.

The Literary Department of *The Congregationalist* undertakes to furnish careful, impartial, and readable reviews of the many publications constantly issuing from the press, and to record the freshest and most varied current news in the fields of literature and art. Particular attention is given to the needs of the family and the Sunday-school.

PRAYER-MEETING TOPICS. 1890.

December 29, 1889-January 4, 1890.

SELF-EXAMINATION. 1 Cor. 11: 28, 29; 2 Cor. 13: 5; 1 John 3: 20, 21.

January 5-11.

PERSONAL RELATIONS WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT. Ezek. 36: 26, 27; John 14: 16, 17, 25, 26; Rom. 8: 9-17, 26, 27.

January 12-18.

THE GROWTH OF UNCHECKED SIN. 2 Kings 21: 1-9; Is. 30: 1; Rom. 2: 4, 5; James 1: 14, 15.

January 19-25.

SINNING AGAINST OURSELVES. Prov. 8: 32–36; Hab. 2: 9, 10; Heb. 10: 18-27.

January 26-February 1.

TRUE WISDOM. Psalm 111: 10; Prov. 2: 6–14; 2 Tim. 3: 1-8, 14, 15; James 3: 13-17.

February 2-8.

GREAT RESULTS POSSIBLE TO CHRISTIAN EFFORT. Judges 7: 4-7; Mal. 3: 10; Luke 10: 17; Phil. 4: 13; James 5: 19, 20.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS upon these Topics appear

February 9-15.

THE DIVIDING LINE. Josh. 24: 14, 15; Matt. 12: 30; Luke 16: 26; 2 Cor. 6: 16, 17; 1 John 3: 10.

February 16-22.

GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVICE. Matt. 24: 45-48; 25: 14-23; Luke 16: 10.

February 23-March 1.

THE VICTORIES OF PRAYER. Num. 21: 6-9; 2 Kings 4: 29-35; Acts 16: 25-34; James 1: 5, 6.

March 2-8.

LOOK FORWARD RATHER THAN BACKWARD. Luke 15: 15-24; Rom. 6: 1-9; Phil. 3: 12-14.

March 9-15.

WHOLEHEARTED CONSECRATION. 2 Kings 23: 24, 25; Luke 10: 25-28; 1 Cor. 8: 9-13; Eph. 4: 21-32.

March 16-22.

SERVING OVER AGAINST ONE'S OWN HOUSE. Neh. 3: 28, 29; 7: 3; John 1: 40-42; Gal. 6: 4, 10.

March 23-29.

MANIFESTING THE TRUTH. 2 Cor. 4: 1, 2; Eph. 4: 20-24; James 2: 14-26.

March 30-April 5.

THE ATTRACTIVE POWER OF THE CRUCIFIXION. Luke 23: 47; John 12: 32; Acts 2: 37-41; Rev. 7: 9-17.

April 6-12.

CHRIST'S CHARACTER UNCHANGED BY DEATH AND RESURRECTION. Matt. 28: 18-20; Mark 16: 14; Luke 24: 25-32; 44-49; John 20: 22, 23.

April 13-19.

SPECIAL TEMPTATIONS OF NEW CONVERTS. Matt. 20: 20-24; Luke 9: 51-56; 1 Cor. 3: 3-7; Gal. 5: 13-18; Tit. 3: 8, 9.

April 20-26.

THE BEAUTY OF HUMILITY. 2 Chron. 34: 26-28; Luke 14: 7-11; 18: 9-14; Phil. 2: 1-11; James 4: 10.

April 27-May 3.

SOUL CLEANING. Psalm 19: 7-14; 51: 10-17; Is. 1: 16, 17; Heb. 8: 11-14.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS upon these Topics appear

May 4-10.

GOD WORKS SURELY, IF SLOWLY. Psalm 37: 5-13; Is. 55: 10, 11; Matt. 1: 17; 2 Pet. 3: 8, 9.

May 11-17.

HOW THE HOLY SPIRIT GUIDES US. Luke 12: 11, 12; John 14: 25, 26; 16: 7-13; Acts 16: 6, 7; 1 Cor. 2: 10-14.

May 18-24.

FALSE EXPECTATIONS OF SALVATION. Is. 29: 13, 14; Matt. 7: 15-23; John 8: 39-47.

May 25-31.

BLESSINGS FOLLOW NATIONAL SORROWS RIGHTLY BORNE. Ex. 3: 7, 8; Is. 30: 15-26; 54: 1-17.

June 1-7.

SPIRITUAL CHILDLIKENESS. Psalm 131; Luke 18: 15-17; 1 Pet. 1: 13, 14.

June 8-14.

THE NEED OF INTELLIGENT PIETY. Acts 8: 30, 31; Rom. 10: 12-15; 1 Pet. 3: 15.

June 15-21.

THE TRUE ESTIMATE OF RICHES. Psalm 62: 7-10; Prov. 8: 18-21; 22: 1; Matt. 19: 20, 21; 1 Tim. 6: 6-10.

June 22-28.

KEEPING THE SABBATH. Exod. 20: 8-11; Mark 2: 27; Luke 6: 1-10.

June 29-July 5.

NATIONAL RIGHTEOUSNESS. Gen. 18: 20, 21; 19: 13, 24, 25; Deut. 7: 6-12; Psalm 89: 15-18.

July 6-12.

OBEDIENCE, NOT HAPPINESS, THE CHRISTIAN'S AIM. 1 Sam. 15: 22, 23; Jer. 42: 5, 6; Acts 5: 25-33; Heb. 5: 8, 9; 1 Pet. 4: 17.

July 13-19.

GOD MEANS WHAT HE HAS SAID. Psalm 89: 33, 34; Jer. 33: 20, 21; Matt. 24: 35; 1 Pet. 1: 24, 25.

July 20-26.

THE BLESSEDNESS OF NOT HAVING OUR OWN WAY. Psalm 30: 4-6, 11, 12; 119: 67, 71; Matt. 5: 4, 10-12; Acts 9: 1, 2, 15, 16; 2 Cor. 12: 10.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS upon these Topics appear

July 27-August 2.

RETURNING TO GOD. Deut. 30: 1-3, 8-10; Is. 55: 7; Rev. 2: 1-7.

August 3-9.

SERVING GOD BY SERVING MEN. Is. 61: 1-3; Eph. 3: 7-9; Col. 3: 18-25; 1 John 3: 16-18; 4: 20, 21.

August 10-16.

EVERY-DAY DUTIES AND EFFORTS. 1 Cor. 10: 31; Col. 3: 17; James 1: 26, 27; 2 Pet. 1: 5-11.

August 17-23.

HOLDING FAST WHAT WE HAVE GAINED. Job 2: 3-10; 2 Tim. 1: 13, 14; Heb. 3: 5, 6, 14; 10: 22, 23; Rev. 3: 3, 10, 11.

August 24-30.

THE CHRISTIAN DIGNITY OF LABOR. John 21: 3-6; Acts 18: 3; 1 Cor. 4: 12; 2 Thess. 3: 8, 9.

August 31-September 6.

MISUNDERSTANDING GOD. Psalm 50: 21; Acts 26: 9-11; Rom. 2: 3-5; Gal. 6: 6, 7.

September 7-13.

GOD INSISTS UPON HUMAN EFFORT. Gen. 19: 21, 22; 32: 24-29; Mark 9: 23-27; Phil. 2: 12, 13; 1 Tim. 6: 11.

September 14-20.

CASTING OUR CARES UPON GOD. Psalm 55: 22; Matt. 6: 25-33; 1 Pet. 5: 7.

September 21-27.

RELIGION IN THE HOME. Job 1: 5; Acts 16: 32-34; Rom. 16: 3-5; 2 Tim. 1: 5.

September 28-October 4.

CONFUSING GOOD WITH EVIL. Is. 5: 20; Matt. 23: 16-26; Acts 8: 18-24.

October 5-11.

THE CROSS AMONG THE GENTILES. Acts 8: 5-13; 10: 22, 23, 44-48; 11: 19-21; 18: 1-10; 28: 30, 31.

October 12-18.

THE AUTHORITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. Acts 13: 2-4; 15: 28, 29; 16: 6, 7; 1 Cor. 2: 10, 11; Eph. 4: 30; Heb. 10: 15-17.

October 19-25.

WORTHLESS EXCUSES. Exod. 4: 10-12; 1 Kings 20: 39, 40; Matt. 25: 24-28; Luke 14: 18-21.

October 26-November 1.

INTIMACY WITH JESUS. John 14: 21-23; 15: 4-15; Eph. 3: 14-19.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS upon these Topics appear

November 2-8.

How God Deals with Unbelief. Psalm 78: 21-33; Matt. 21: 28-32; Luke 16: 29-31; John 20: 24-29.

November 9-15.

Divine Purposes in Human Afflictions. John 11: 39-42; 2 Cor. 12: 7-10; Heb. 12: 5-13; Rev. 3: 19.

November 16-22.

Making the Best of Circumstances. Acts 16: 23-25; 27: 43, 44; Phil. 4: 11, 12.

November 23-29.

Thankfulness Should Prompt Benevolence. Matt. 26: 6-11; Luke 14: 12-14; Acts 20: 35.

November 30-December 6.

Aggressive Christianity. Exod. 14: 13-16; Matt. 28: 18-20; Gal. 6: 9; 2 Tim. 4: 1, 2.

December 7-13.

The Reasonableness of God's Demands. Psalm 111: 10; Rom. 12: 1-21.

December 14-20.

THE COMFORT OF BEING A CHRISTIAN. Matt. 10: 26-31; 2 Tim. 1: 12; Heb. 13: 5, 6; 1 John 4: 16-19.

December 21-27.

NO TRUE CHRISTMAS WITHOUT PEACE. Is. 9: 6; Mark 11: 25, 26; Eph. 4: 1-3, 30-32; Col. 3: 12-15.

December 28, 1890-January 3, 1891.

THE ETERNAL THINGS. Psalm 111: 7, 8; 1 Pet. 1: 23-25; 2 Pet. 3: 10-14; 1 John 2: 15-17.

NOTE—In the foregoing list it has been attempted to suggest for missionary meetings, and meetings immediately preceding the Lord's Supper, topics appropriate to those occasions. But as some persons may be glad of topics more directly and specifically suited to such meetings, the following additional subjects are offered.

The Self Interest of Every Church in Missions. 2 Cor. 9: 5-14; Phil. 4: 15-17; Heb. 6: 10-12; 13: 16.

The True Missionary Spirit. Acts 20: 17-24; 1 Cor. 9: 16; 2 Cor. 4: 5; Eph. 3: 1-13; Phil. 1: 19-21.

Hindrances to Missionary Success. Acts 5: 17, 18; 12: 1-4; 13: 44-50; 15: 1, 2; 17: 32; Rom. 1: 21-25.

Encouragements to Missionary Effort. Joel 2: 27-29; Acts 2: 37-42; 11: 4-11; 17: 11, 12; 18: 8-11.

How Home and Foreign Missions Help Each Other. Acts 11: 19-24, 29, 30; 13: 1-12; Rom. 15: 25-27; 2 Cor. 8: 1-4; 9: 1, 2.

The Perils of a Christless Civilization. Rom. 2: 11-16; 1 Cor. 2: 5-8; 3: 18-21; 1 Tim. 6: 9, 10.

Giving Up All for Christ. Luke 5: 27, 28; 2 Cor. 11: 23-28; Phil. 3: 7-11.
The Cleansing Blood. Eph. 2: 11-13; Heb. 9: 11-14; 1 Pet. 1: 17-19; 1 John 1: 6, 7.
The Joy of Salvation. Psalm 147: 1-7; John 16: 20-24; Rom. 14: 17; 15: 13; 1 Pet. 1: 8.
Partaking Unworthily. John 6: 63, 64; 1 Cor. 3: 10-17; 10: 12; 11: 27-29.
Peace Through Pardon. Rom. 5: 1, 2; 8: 14-17; Eph. 2: 14, 15.
Growing in Grace. Eph. 4: 13-16; Col. 1: 9-11; 1 Thess. 4: 1; 2 Pet. 3: 18.

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News from the Churches is a department of *The Congregationalist* which has grown in importance and interest, and is now one of the distinctive features of the paper. Probably no other religious journal publishes so much intelligence respecting Congregational churches. Its Weekly Register of ministerial changes is invaluable to pastors and to all others who would keep apprised of such events. The four or five columns of news in paragraphic form are supplemented by frequent letters from all parts of the country. In the future every effort will be put forth to make this department still more truly representative of the life and work of the Congregational churches throughout the land.

S. S. LESSONS FOR 1890.

STUDIES IN LUKE.

First Quarter.

Jan. 5.	The Forerunner Announced	Luke 1: 5–17
Jan. 12.	Song of Mary	Luke 1: 46–55
Jan. 19.	The Song of Zacharias . .	Luke 1: 67–80
Jan. 26.	Joy over the Child Jesus .	Luke 2: 8–20
Feb. 2.	Jesus Brought into the Temple.	Luke 2: 25–35
Feb. 9.	Childhood and Youth of Jesus.	Luke 2: 40–52
Feb. 16.	The Ministry of John . . .	Luke 3: 7–22
Feb. 23.	The Temptation of Jesus . .	Luke 4: 1–13
Mar. 2.	Jesus at Nazareth . . .	Luke 4: 16–32
Mar. 9.	The Great Physician . .	Luke 4: 33–44
Mar. 16.	The Draught of Fishes . .	Luke 5: 1–11
Mar. 23.	Christ Forgiving Sin . .	Luke 5: 17–26
Mar. 30.	Review, Temperance or Missionary Lesson.	

Second Quarter.

Apr. 6.	Christ's Law of Love . .	Luke 6: 27–38
Apr. 13.	The Widow of Nain . . .	Luke 7: 11–18
Apr. 20.	Forgiveness and Love . .	Luke 7: 36–50
Apr. 27.	The Parable of the Sower .	Luke 8: 4–15
May 4.	The Ruler's Daughter,	Luke 8: 41, 42, 49–56
May 11.	Feeding the Multitude . .	Luke 9: 10–17
May 18.	The Transfiguration . . .	Luke 9: 28–36
May 25.	The Mission of the Seventy	Luke 10: 1–16
June 1.	The Good Samaritan . .	Luke 10: 25–37
June 8.	Teaching to Pray	Luke 11: 1–13
June 15.	The Rich Man's Folly . .	Luke 12: 13–21
June 22.	Trust in our Heavenly Father.	Luke 12: 22–34
June 29.	Review, Temperance or Missionary Lesson.	

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Third Quarter.

July 6.	Lawful Work on the Sabbath	Luke 13: 10–17
July 13.	The Great Supper . . .	Luke 14: 15–24
July 20.	Taking up the Cross . . .	Luke 14: 25–35
July 27.	Lost and Found	Luke 15: 1–10
Aug. 3.	The Prodigal Son . . .	Luke 15: 11–24
Aug. 10.	The Rich Man and Lazarus,	Luke 16: 19–31
Aug. 17.	The Ten Lepers	Luke 17: 11–19
Aug. 24.	Prevailing Prayer	Luke 18: 1–14
Aug. 31.	Entering the Kingdom . .	Luke 18: 15–30
Sept. 7.	Jesus and Zacchæus the Publican.	Luke 19: 1–10
Sept. 14.	Parable of the Pounds . .	Luke 19: 11–27
Sept. 21.	Jesus Entering Jerusalem .	Luke 19: 37–48
Sept. 28.	Review, Temperance or Missionary Lesson.	

Fourth Quarter.

Oct. 5.	Parable of the Vineyard .	Luke 20: 9–19
Oct. 12.	The Lord's Supper . . .	Luke 22: 7–20
Oct. 19.	The Spirit of True Service .	Luke 22: 24–37
Oct. 26.	Jesus in Gethsemane . .	Luke 22: 39–53
Nov. 2.	Jesus Accused	Luke 22: 54–71
Nov. 9.	Jesus before Pilate and Herod.	Luke 23: 1–12
Nov. 16.	Jesus Condemned	Luke 23: 13–25
Nov. 23.	Jesus Crucified	Luke 23: 33–47
Nov. 30.	Jesus Risen	Luke 24: 1–12
Dec. 7.	The Walk to Emmaus . .	Luke 24: 13–27
Dec. 14.	Jesus Made Known . . .	Luke 24: 28–43
Dec. 21.	Jesus' Parting Words . .	Luke 24: 44–53
Dec. 28.	Review; or, other lesson selected by the school.	

Sunday-school Statistics. *The United States.* — Schools, 101,824; teachers, 1,100,104; scholars, 8,345,431; total, 9,445,535. *The World.* — Schools, 183,390; teachers, 1,999,569; scholars, 17,716,212; **total, 19,715,781.**

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PRAYER-MEETING TOPICS, 1890.

For week beginning	
Jan. 5.	Week of Prayer. "Tarry until ——"
Jan. 12.	Missionary. The Stewardship intrusted to us. . . . . 1 Cor. 9: 15–27
Jan. 19.	The Greatness of Love . 1 Cor. 13: 1–13
Jan. 26.	How to become strong Christians. 1 Cor. 16: 1–24
Feb. 2.	Not living to Ourselves . 2 Cor. 5: 11–21
Feb. 9.	Those Whom God Approves, 2 Cor. 10: 1–18
Feb. 16.	Prove Yourselves . . . 2 Cor. 13: 1–14
Feb. 23.	Helpers, not Hinderers. Rom. 15: 1–13; 1 Cor. 8: 9–13; Gal. 6: 2 (Temperance Meeting — optional.)
Mar. 2.	"I Gave My Life for Thee." Luke 23: 33–46
Mar. 9.	The Secret of Christian Success. Josh. 1: 8; Gen. 39: 2–5, 21–23; Ps. 1: 1–3
Mar. 16.	The Joy of Bringing Others to Christ. Dan. 1: 3; Luke 15: 1–10
Mar. 23.	Praise Meeting. Service of Song. Rev. 19: 1–16
Mar. 30.	Turning Away from Evil . Ezek. 33: 10–20
Apr. 6.	Looking unto Jesus. Heb. 12: 1, 2; Mic. 7: 7; John 1: 29–36
Apr. 13.	How can we Help the Troubled? Gal. 6: 1–5; Rom. 15: 1–3
Apr. 20.	What more can we do for our Church? 1 Cor. 12: 27–31
Apr. 27.	The Best Gift — Free to all . Isa. 55: 1–13
May 4.	The Blessing of Confessing Christ. Mark 8: 34; 2 Tim. 1: 8–12
May 11.	Sowing all the Time . . . Isa. 32: 1–20
May 18.	How Can we Help our Pastor in his Work? 2 Thess. 3: 1; Col. 4: 3; Ex. 17: 8–13
May 25.	Our Enemies. . . . . Eph. 6: 10–18 (Temperance Meeting — optional.)
June 1.	How to Make our Days Happy. Acts 4: 31–33; 2: 41–47
June 8.	Prayer for the Sunday-school, its Officers, Teachers, Scholars.

Suggestive Comments upon these Topics appear each week in THE CONGREGATIONALIST.

June 15. Testimony Meeting. What the Lord has Done for me. 1 Cor. 15: 57; Rev. 1: 4–6

June 22. Taking Knowledge of us, that we have been with Jesus . . . . . Acts 4: 8–14

June 29. How win our Country for Christ. (Missionary work to save the foreign population in our Country.) . . . Luke 14: 16–24

July 6. Believers. What? Why? Results of Faith. John 16: 30; Acts 2: 44; 1 Peter 1: 8

July 13. The Only Way. How can we Lead our Friends into it? John 14: 1–6; Heb. 10: 19–23

July 20. The Blessedness of Belonging to the Church. Rom. 12: 1–8; Heb. 10: 24, 25

July 27. Temperance. He that Overcometh. 1 John 5: 4, 5; Rom. 12: 2, 3; Rev. 2: 7; 3: 5, 10, 11, 12, 21

Aug. 3. Disciples. What are the marks of a true Disciple? . Matt. 10: 24–42; John 15: 8

Aug. 10. Praying for our friends . . Mark 7: 24–30

Aug. 17. The cost of being a Christian, and the cost of not being a Christian . Luke 14: 25–33

Aug. 24. He took our place. The wonderful love of Christ . . . Isa. 53: 4–6; 2 Cor. 5: 21

Aug. 31. Missionary. (Egypt.) Philip the Evangelist. How he teaches us to work. Acts 8: 5, 6, 26–40

Sept. 7. Laborers: Our Work: its nature, rules for success, rewards . . . 2 Cor. 6: 1–18

Sept. 14. What God Does to Show His Love to the Sinner . . Rom. 5: 1–11; 1 John 4: 10

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The Christian Endeavor Societies reported at the Boston Headquarters up to November 1, 1889, number 8,432 with a membership of 530,000. They are found in almost every State and Territory of the Union, and in foreign lands. The four leading Evangelical denominations — Baptist, Congregational, Methodist, and Presbyterian — are nearly equally represented in the membership. The first society was organized February 2, 1881, by Rev. F. E. Clark, D.D., in the Williston Congregational Church in Portland, and the first article on the subject from his pen appeared in *The Congregationalist* in August, 1881.

The Y. P. S. C. E. Department in *The Congregationalist* aims to give, in addition to brief and suggestive comments on the Prayer-meeting Topics, the more important items of current interest regarding the general work of the Society.

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES IN THE UNITED STATES.

Following is a tabular statement of the relative trength of the various denominations in this country. 'he figures were compiled from the most recent official ources, and probably are as accurate as can now be btained. Several of the leading denominations, like he Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian, embrace a umber of separate ecclesiastical organizations which, owever, all belong under the specified head. The ain in the year since the last enumeration was taken mounts in the aggregate to 3,882 churches, 3,989 inisters, and 876,995 communicants.

DENOMINATIONS.	CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.	COMMUNICANTS.
oman Catholics . .	7,424	7,996	*7,855,294
Iethodists	50,680	29,770	4,723,881
aptists	46,624	32,017	4,078,589
resbyterians	13,349	9,786	1,180,113
utherans	6,971	4,151	988,008
ongregationalists .	4,569	4,408	475,608
piscopalians . . .	5,159	4,012	459,642
eformed	2,058	1,378	277,542
erman Evan. Ch. .	675	560	125,000
hristian Union . .	1,500	500	120,000
riends	763	1,017	106,930
dventists	1,575	840	100,712
ennonites	420	605	100,000
niversalists	721	691	38,780
nitarians	381	491	20,000
oravians	98	111	11,219
ew Jerusalem . .	100	113	6,000
Total	142,767	98,346	20,667,318

* Catholic population.

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS.

Latest Compilation to January 1, 1889.

States, etc.	Churches.	Ministers.	Church Members.	Sunday-school Members.
Alabama	23	22	1,451	1,911
Arizona	3	3	137	324
Arkansas	6	6	289	506
California	149	181	9,826	16,300
Colorado	35	36	2,399	3,696
Connecticut . . .	300	414	57,600	54,561
District Columbia	6	14	1,106	1,286
Florida	38	26	945	1,200
Georgia	61	45	3,221	3,784
Idaho	2	2	37	155
Illinois	269	287	31,179	44,839
Indiana	39	27	2,454	3,524
Indian Territory .	7	6	137	971
Iowa	261	231	21,986	27,017
Kansas	205	175	10,841	16,325
Kentucky	11	5	438	836
Louisiana	15	13	960	1,075
Maine	244	170	21,377	24,207
Maryland	3	3	283	436
Massachusetts . .	557	706	100,470	115,112
Michigan	306	254	22,249	30,508
Minnesota	163	132	11,418	18,751
Mississippi . . .	8	4	177	453
Missouri	82	78	6,985	10,574
Montana	4	5	233	300
Nebraska	167	149	8,537	12,188
Nevada	1	1	34	85
New Hampshire .	189	177	19,508	21,473
New Jersey . . .	32	37	4,447	4,848
New Mexico . . .	5	8	148	375
New York	264	204	40,336	45,853

orth Carolina .	16	5	861	1,319
orth Dakota . .	50	26	1,194	2,440
hio	236	215	29,581	32,080
regon	32	31	1,447	2,092
ennsylvania . .	99	73	9,241	11,473
hode Island . .	30	37	6,584	6,955
outh Carolina . .	3	2	364	378
outh Dakota . .	125	79	4,414	8,082
ennessee	23	22	1,300	2,680
exas	15	9	654	995
tah	5	10	300	2,247
ermont	198	168	20,481	21,828
irginia	2	2	147	186
ashington . . .	63	48	1,667	3,143
est Virginia . .	2	0	129	210
isconsin	209	195	15,742	20,636
yoming	6	5	294	455
Totals	4,569	4,408	475,608	580,672

The net gains upon the preceding year are: — in urches, 165; in ministers, 124; in church members, 3,024; in Sunday-school members, 28,981. The enevolent contributions for the last year aggregated 2,205,563, a gain of $110,078. The home expendi-ures amounted to $4,978,889, a decrease upon the revious year of $100,091. Summing up the gains of e last three years, it is found that since 1886 there has en an increase of 399 churches, 365 ministers, 57,044 urch members, and 72,201 Sunday-school members. here has been a gain of $505,328 in benevolent con-butions, the average gift per member being in 1886, .05; in 1889, $4.64. Home expenditures have in-eased by $411,162.

The growth of Congregationalism in the United ates by decades: — in 1865, there were 2,723 churches, 302 ministers, 263,296 members; in 1875, 3,438 urches, 3,300 ministers, and 338,313 members; in 85, 4,170 churches, 4,043 ministers, 418,564 members.

OUR SEVEN SOCIETIES.

THE AMERICAN BOARD.

Headquarters — Congregational House, Boston.

Treasurer: Langdon S. Ward. *Secretaries:* Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.; Rev. E. K. Alden, D.D.; Rev. Judson Smith, D.D. *Field Secretary:* Rev. C. C. Creegan, D.D. *District Secretaries:* Rev. C. H. Daniels, Bible House, New York; Rev. S. J. Humphrey, D.D., Rev. A. N. Hitchcock, PH.D., 151 Washington Street, Chicago. Income for the year ending September 1, 1889, was $685,111.33.

The American Board seeks to act as the agent of the Congregational churches of the United States, and of all others who desire to work through it, in carrying the gospel into the lands of darkness. It serves in foreign lands the ends served by several societies in the home land. Aside from the support of missionaries sent from this country, it aids churches in their evangelistic work, in building houses of worship, in maintaining schools, colleges, and theological seminaries, and in the distribution of Bibles and Christian publications. In its 22 missions there are 93 stations where missionaries reside, and 1,023 out-stations where preaching is statedly maintained. Five hundred and eight missionaries from the United States are now employed. Three hundred and sixty organized churches have a membership of over 33,000, of whom 4,609 made confession of their faith during the past year. Over 7,500 pupils of both sexes are in the higher schools, and, including the common schools, 43,838 are receiving daily Christian instruction. There are wide and promising openings for enlargement: the preliminary work in most lands has been done; the motives of the missionaries are understood; the confidence of the people has been secured; the false religions have been undermined. It is a most critical time in many lands, especially so in Japan, China, and India. They need the gospel as they have always needed it; they are ready to receive it as never before. The Board needs in 1890 not less than $800,000.

AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Headquarters — Bible House, New York.

Treasurer: Rev. A. H. Clapp, D.D., Bible House, New York. *Secretaries:* Rev. D. B. Coe, D.D., Rev. . B. Clark, D.D., Rev. Wm. Kincaid, D.D. Income or the year ending April 1, 1889, $542,251.

This Society has been the agent in planting and rearing more than five sevenths of all our Congregational hurches in the country, and still its work broadens. ts only limit is its scanty means. More than 3,150 hurches and congregations look to it for help; 1,759 issionaries go in the Master's name to their self-acrificing work, trusting its promise to pay. These issionaries, in 42 States and Territories, last year organized 144 new churches, brought 62 to self-support, elcomed to the Christian life 7,701 converts, started 93 Sunday-schools, and gave Bible instruction to 139,-00 pupils. Eighty-four students for the ministry are nder their charge. A dozen nationalities are in their ongregations. They are foreign missionaries on home oil. To continue work well begun requires, for 1889–0, $600,000. To meet the "new work" waiting as a white harvest" $50,000 will only half-suffice. No fficial appeal is here. It is only so much of the call of od as officials dare not suppress. It must be heeded past success and present blessing are to have fit consummation. Surely, a work on which God has so manestly smiled from the beginning strongly commends self to the favor of every Christian.

AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

Headquarters — 56 Reade Street, New York.

Treasurer: H. W. Hubbard. *Secretaries:* Rev. . E. Strieby, D.D., Rev. A. F. Beard, D.D. *District ecretaries:* Rev. C. J. Ryder, Boston; Rev. J. E. oy, D.D., Chicago; Rev. C. W. Hiatt, Cleveland. come for the year ending September 30, 1889, 13,216.59, including the income of the Daniel Hand nd, which can be used only for specified purposes.

The Association has its schools and missions in the nited States: In the South among the negroes and nites, especially in the mountains; in the West among e Indians, and in the Pacific States among the Chi-

nese and a few Japanese. There are representatives of Cuba, Honduras, and Mexico also in these mission schools. There lies back of this great work in our own land China, Japan, Africa, Cuba, and Mexico. The object of the American Missionary Association is to reach these neglected races, which are within our very doors. In our country three fourths of our native illiteracy is in the South. Forty per cent. of the whole population South cannot read the New Testament! Ninety thousand mothers in a single Southern State who cannot read the Bible to their own children! The negro population has doubled during the last twenty years. In one hundred years, at the same rate of increase, there will be in the Southern States ninety millions of whites and one hundred and eighty millions of negroes. The National Council recommended $500,000 for the great work before the Society.

AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

Headquarters — Bible House, New York.

Treasurer: H. O. Pinneo. *Secretary:* Rev. L. H. Cobb, D.D. *Field Secretaries:* Rev. Geo. A. Hood, Cong'l House, Boston; Rev. C. H. Taintor, 151 Washington St., Chicago. Income last year, $134,775.

The National Council recommends $400,000 per year, and the Home Missionary superintendents demand it to save their work, because every $100 for the American Congregational Union soon saves $50 to the American Home Missionary Society. Yet last month only 10 out of 54 waiting churches could be aided. Is Christianity so strong to meet the perils of our country, and ministers so numerous, and Home Missionary money so plenty that it is right to leave them struggling to build instead of to conquer sin, the church discouraged, sorry it organized, disgracing our work and taking Home Missionary money year after year or die, instead of assuming self-support and releasing the money for newer fields? A houseless church cannot succeed, is a standing invitation to other denominations to crowd in, take our chance and leave our churches weak. Last year 104 churches and 41 parsonages were built, while 254 were organized; 89 dropped from the roll, because they had no church buildings. A $1,000 loan secures a church building

a city, or $500 in a town now and every five years hereafter; and $250 does the same for a parsonage.

M. COLLEGE AND EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Headquarters — Congregational House, Boston.

Treasurer: J. M. Gordon. *Secretary:* Rev. J. A. Hamilton, D.D. *Western Secretary:* Rev. T. J. Gardner. *College Field Secretary:* Rev. J. L. Maile. Income for the year ending April 30, $95,729.

This Society aids Christian colleges to become self-sustaining. It also aids young men who are without pecuniary means to pass through a course of education for the Christian ministry. More than thirty colleges have thus been gradually brought to positions of self-help and great and permanent usefulness. The colleges which are now among the foremost in the Western field were mainly built up by means of this agency. Those at present on the Society's list are Colorado, Doane, Pacific University, Rollins, Whitman, and Yankton. Each of these is believed to be wisely placed as to its geographical position, is doing an earnest and self-denying work in behalf of higher Christian learning, and has a just claim to support. The Educational Department has in the course of its more than seventy years' history assisted upwards of 3000 young men to pass through a course of ministerial study. The Society has now on its list of students for the ministry 298, who are receiving from its funds the annual sum of $75. The call upon the churches for money was never so imperative.

CONG. S. S. AND PUBLISHING SOCIETY.

Headquarters — Congregational House, Boston.

MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT. — *Treasurer:* E. Lawrence Barnard. *Secretary:* Rev. G. M. Boynton, D. *Field Secretary:* W. A. Duncan, PH.D. Income for the year ending April 30, 1889, $45,463.86. Expenses, which exhausted the surplus on hand, $1,214.79.

Four hundred and forty-four Sunday-schools were organized during the same period by the 48 superintendents and missionaries employed during the whole or

portions of the year in 36 States and Territories. To this, 104 schools aided to and in their organization by previous visits, correspondence, advice, and gifts should be added, making 548 new Sunday-schools for the year, into which about 20,000 persons were gathered at the time of organization. This is pioneer home missionary work, and is almost exclusively in the newer States, in places unsupplied with any religious service or organization of any kind. An increasing demand for help in the new parts of growing cities is being met with marked success. In both classes of work, permanent results are those which it is aimed to secure. To improve our Sunday-school methods and to educate teachers to better work is an important function. It is a valuable auxiliary to all our Congregational home and foreign missionary societies, by aiding the Sunday-schools under their care with grants of literature. It needs the $100,000 recommended by the Council.

NEW WEST EDUCATION COMMISSION.

Headquarters — 151 Washington Street, Chicago.

Treasurer: William H. Hubbard, 761 Rookery, Chicago. *Secretary:* Rev. Charles R. Bliss. *Ass't Secretary:* George M. Herrick. Eastern Office, 6 Congregational House, Boston. Rev. S. S. Mathews, *Special Agent.* Miss L. A. Manning, *in charge of office.* Income for year ending July 1, 1889, $65,128.

This organization, the youngest of the seven Congregational national benevolent societies, was called into being nearly ten years ago by the feeling that the Christian school is the most potent weapon that can be used against Mormonism in Utah and adjacent Territories, Jesuitism in "the new Spain," and other evils in our West. It has now under its charge 8 academies and 25 free schools, under the charge of 71 teachers, with 3,255 pupils. Its teachers also conduct 23 Sunday-schools, which have an attendance of nearly 2,000. The Society needs and could spend to the very best advantage not less than $125,000 the present year.

THE CREED OF 1883.

I. We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, aker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible d invisible;

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who is one substance with the Father; by whom all things :re made;

And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, ıo is sent from the Father and Son, and who together th the Father and Son is worshiped and glorified.

II. We believe that the Providence of God, by ıich he executes his eternal purposes in the govern- :nt of the world, is in and over all events; yet so ıt the freedom and responsibility of man are not paired, and sin is the act of the creature alone.

III. We believe that man was made in the image of ɔd, that he might know, love, and obey God, and joy him forever; that our first parents by disobe- :nce fell under the righteous condemnation of God; d that all men are so alienated from God that there is salvation from the guilt and power of sin except ·ough God's redeeming grace.

IV. We believe that God would have all men return him; that to this end he has made himself known, t only through the works of nature, the course of providence, and the consciences of men, but also ·ough supernatural revelations made especially to a ɔsen people, and above all, when the fullness of time s come, through Jesus Christ his Son.

V. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and :w Testaments are the record of God's revelation of nself in the work of redemption; that they were

written by men under the special guidance of the Holy Spirit; that they are able to make wise unto salvation; and that they constitute the authoritative standard by which religious teaching and human conduct are to be regulated and judged.

VI. We believe that the love of God to sinful men has found its highest expression in the redemptive work of his Son; who became man, uniting his divine nature with our human nature in one person; who was tempted like other men, yet without sin; who, by his humiliation, his holy obedience, his sufferings, his death on the cross, and his resurrection, became a perfect Redeemer; whose sacrifice of himself for the sins of the world declares the righteousness of God, and is the sole and sufficient ground of forgiveness and of reconciliation with him.

VII. We believe that Jesus Christ, after he had risen from the dead, ascended into heaven, where, as the one Mediator between God and man, he carries forward his work of saving men; that he sends the Holy Spirit to convict them of sin, and to lead them to repentance and faith; and that those who through renewing grace turn to righteousness, and trust in Jesus Christ as their Redeemer, receive for his sake the forgiveness of their sins, and are made the children of God.

VIII. We believe that those who are thus regenerated and justified grow in sanctified character through fellowship with Christ, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, and obedience to the truth; that a holy life is the fruit and evidence of saving faith; and that the believer's hope of continuance in such a life is in the preserving grace of God.

IX. We believe that Jesus Christ came to establish among men the kingdom of God, the reign of truth and

ve, righteousness and peace; that to Jesus Christ, ıe Head of this kingdom, Christians are directly :sponsible in faith and conduct; and that to him all ıve immediate access without mediatorial or priestly ıtervention.

X. We believe that the Church of Christ, invisible nd spiritual, comprises all true believers, whose duty is to associate themselves in churches, for the main-:nance of worship, for the promotion of spiritual rowth and fellowship, and for the conversion of men; ıat these churches, under the guidance of the Holy criptures and in fellowship with one another, may etermine — each for itself — their organization, state-ıents of belief, and forms of worship; may appoint nd set apart their own ministers, and should co-oper-te in the work which Christ has committed to them or the furtherance of the gospel throughout the world.

XI. We believe in the observance of the Lord's)ay as a day of holy rest and worship; in the ministry f the Word; and in the two Sacraments which Christ as appointed for his Church: Baptism, to be admin-stered to believers and their children, as the sign of leansing from sin, of union to Christ, and of the im-artation of the Holy Spirit; and the Lord's Supper as symbol of his atoning death, a seal of its efficacy, nd a means whereby he confirms and strengthens the piritual union and communion of believers with him-elf.

XII. We believe in the ultimate prevalence of the ingdom of Christ over all the earth; in the glorious ppearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus :hrist; in the resurrection of the dead; and in a final ıdgment, the issues of which are everlasting punish-ıent and everlasting life.

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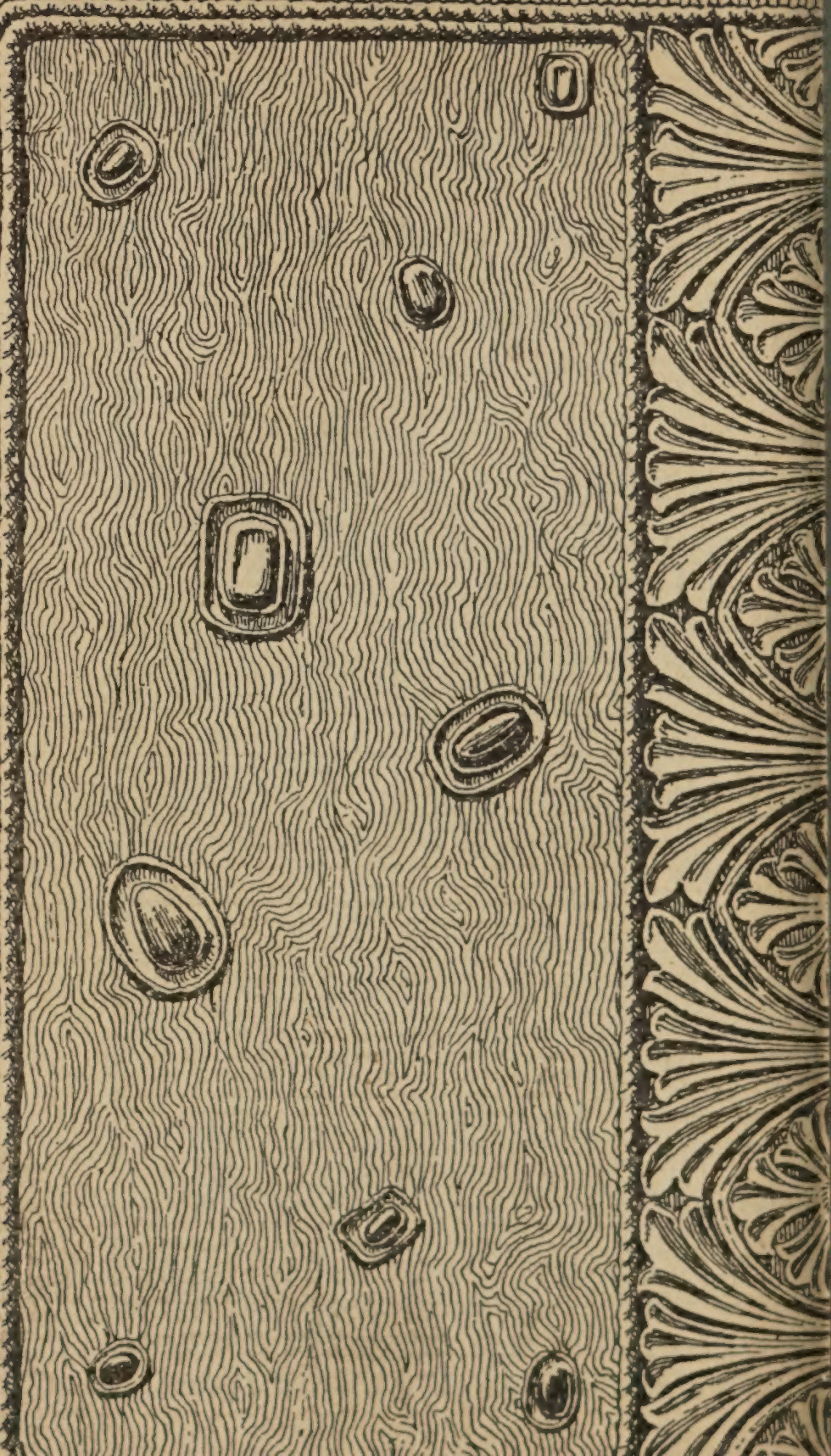

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